GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:631
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2005
SUICIDE BY PERSONNEL OF PMF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of suicide by the personnel of para-military forces have increased during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry/study in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps initiated to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.631 ABOUT SUICIDE BY PERSONNEL OF PMF DUE FOR ANSWER ON 10/5/2005

There is no definite trend of increase in the cases of suicide in the Central Paramilitary Forces as a whole. In CRPF suicide cases have increased during the last three years as detailed below:

Year	2002	2003	2004
No. of suicide cases	21	22	28

Departmental inquiry has been conducted in each of the cases of suicide or attempted suicide. Most common causes leading to suicide are duty related stress, mental depression, domestic problems, marital discord and chronic illness. The Bureau of Police Research & Development is also conducting a study on stress management.

The following steps have been taken to address this problem:-

(i) Efforts are made to regulate duty hours and to periodically rotate personnel from hard areas to soft areas within the constraints of operational requirements.

(ii) Regular participation of personnel in sports competitions and recreational activities.

(iii) Communication facilities for personnel in the remote areas to keep in touch with their families.

(iv) Regular interaction by officers with personnel through Sammelans, visit to forward areas etc.

(v) Introduction of stress removal techniques like Yoga and Vipasana.

(vi) Introduction of welfare measures such as canteen facilities, loan from welfare funds etc.